THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (e) Publicity material like posters, brochures, films, CDs etc. is distributed through India Tourism offices in India and abroad for providing information to both domestic and foreign tourists. A proposal for providing audio-guide services to the tourists at selected monuments is under consideration. There is no specific proposal regarding Orissa.

**Memorial on Abhay Ghat**

2976. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to develop a Memorial on Abhay Ghat in the memory of former Prime Minister of India, late Shri Morarji Desai;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) A memorial of Shri Morarji Desai named 'Abhay Ghat' has been constructed at the bank of river Sabarmati, District Kheda, Gujarat. The construction work started in July, 1997 and was completed in March, 1999.

**Construction works by Army Near Taj Mahal**

†2977. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the army has undertaken some construction work near the Taj Mahal;

(b) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has served them with notice;

(c) whether the construction work by the army is likely to damage the Taj; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and latest position thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The army has not undertaken any construction work near the Taj Mahal. However, the army has started some construction activity on its land near Agra Fort.

(b) Yes, Sir. The work has been stopped in the absence of a licence from ASI.

(c) and (d) Question does not arise.

**Identification of heritage sites in the country**

†2978. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of places where cultural heritage centres and other heritage places have been indentified in other States including Delhi as on date and their locations;

(b) the arrangements made for their safety and protection by the Central Government and State Governments;

(c) the amount spent for this purpose during the last three fiscal years; and

(d) the details of proposals sent by State Governments in this regard?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) There are 3667 centrally protected monuments/sites in the country of which 175 are located in Delhi. The State-wise list is given in the statement. (*See* below)

(b) to (d) Archaeological Survey of India has deployed its own regular watch & ward staff, and has engaged the services of private security guards and State Police personnel for safety and protection of centrally protected monuments. In addition, CISF personnel have been deployed at Taj Mahal, Agra and Red Fort, Delhi. It is the constant endeavour of the ASI to maintain these monuments in a good state through structural conservation, chemical preservation and environmental development which are taken up as per requirements on site subject to availability of funds. Fencing of the protected areas has also been stepped up to prevent encroachments.

The details of expenditure incurred on security deployed at centrally protected monuments during the last three years are as under:

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| 2005-06 | Rs. 1229.41 lakhs |
| 2006-07 | Rs. 1295.70 lakhs |
| 2007-08 | Rs. 1421.00 lakhs |

***Statement***

*Centrally Protected monuments under Archaeological Survey of India*

| Sl.No. | Name of State | Nos. of Monuments |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 137 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 05 |
| 3. | Assam | 53 |
| 4. | Bihar | 70 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 47 |
| 6. | Daman & Diu (U.T.) | 12 |
| 7. | Goa | 21 |
| 8. | Gujarat | 202 |
| 9. | Haryana | 90 |
| 10. | Himachal Pradesh | 40 |
| 11. | Jammu & Kashmir | 69 |
| 12. | Jharkhand | 12 |
| 13. | Karnataka | 507 |
| 14. | Kerala | 26 |
| 15. | Madhya Pradesh | 286 |
| 16. | Maharashtra | 286 |
| 17. | Manipur | 01 |
| 18. | Meghalaya | 08 |

| Sl.No. | Name of State | Nos. of Monuments |
|---|---|---|
| 19. | Nagaland | 04 |
| 20. | N.C.T. Delhi | 175 |
| 21. | Orissa | 78 |
| 22. | Pondicherry (U.T.) | 07 |
| 23. | Punjab | 31 |
| 24. | Rajasthan | 162 |
| 25. | Sikkim | 03 |
| 26. | Tamilnadu | 413 |
| 27. | Tripura | 05 |
| 28. | Uttar Pradesh | 742 |
| 29. | Uttaranchal | 42 |
| 30. | West Bengal | 133 |
| | TOTAL: | 3667 |

**Formulation of guidelines for debt recovery**

2979. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any debt recovery guidelines for Nationalised/ Private/Foreign Banks in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that horror activities are being adopted by the private banks with the borrowers for recovery of outstanding loans; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken or porposed to be taken by Government to prevent such type of humiliation with the people of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken up with banks, for appropriate action, the media reports in respect of the banks engaging musclemen and harassing the defaulting customers for recovery of loans. In many such instances the excesses were alleged to have been committed by the recovery agents of the respective banks. The number of complaints of alleged harassment received against ICICI Bank has been more.

In view of the alleged harassment of customers by ICICI Bank's recovery agents, and the judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court, on an appeal (No. 267 of 2007) filed by ICICI Bank Ltd. against the order of the Allahabad High Court in respect of a case filed by one of the borrowers of the bank Smt. Prakash Kaur, the bank was advised by RBI in August, 2007 to investigate and take action against the recovery agents involved, review at the highest levels the system of appointing/reviewing performance of recovery agents, undertake comprehensive review of coustmer complaints, etc. In October 2007, RBI also advised the Bank that if such incidents recur in future, RBI would be constrained to take stern action.